

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 645

By Woodson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Fred B. Corum on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred B. Corum is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for fifty-three years as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, where he currently holds the title of Regional Director of Operations in Region 1, a position he has held since 1985; and

WHEREAS, announcing his plans to "finish on top," Mr. Corum will take a very deserved retirement upon completion of the most expensive road project in state history, the SmartFIX40 project, to widen and reconfigure the downtown Knoxville portion of Interstate 40, costing more than \$200 million; and

WHEREAS, as Regional Director for the twenty-four county area of East Tennessee, Mr. Corum's major operational responsibilities include highway maintenance and repair, construction engineering, traffic and highway marking, bridge repair and inspection, state aid program and administration, materials and tests, highway beautification, environmental planning, design, right-of-way, and office administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corum began his esteemed career with the Tennessee Department of Transportation in 1956 when he was hired to work as a Rodman. He advanced to Senior Rodman in January of 1958 and began training as an Instrumentman later that same year; and

WHEREAS, named a Junior Engineer in 1962, Fred Corum continued his climb up the TDOT ladder in 1964, becoming a Party Chief, and in 1966, when he was selected to become a Project Manager; and

WHEREAS, recognized and rewarded for his hard work, commitment, and expertise, Mr. Corum was promoted to District Maintenance Superintendent 2 in 1971, Assistant to the Regional Maintenance Supervisor and Engineering Tech 3 in 1976, and Engineering Tech 4 (Regional Maintenance Supervisor) in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Fred Corum was named Assistant to the Engineering Director; he rose to the post of Assistant Regional Director as Civil Engineering Manager 2 in 1984 and gained his present position on March 1, 1985, having been appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corum is a consummate professional who has demonstrated dedication to public service and an unrivaled level of competency during his distinguished half-century career with the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in special recognition of his many efforts on behalf of the State of Tennessee this General Assembly adopted House Joint Resolution 116, designating the administration building at the Tennessee Department of Transportation Complex in Knoxville as the "Fred B. Corum Regional Administration Building" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Fred Corum enjoys the love and support of his wife of fifty-two years, Loretta Macucci Corum; their devoted sons, Randy and Mike; their four beloved grandchildren; and one treasured great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, Fred Corum exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Fred Corum has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Fred Corum on his many years of meritorious service to the State of Tennessee as we extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.